United States Mint Opens Sales for U.S. Coast Guard 2.5 oz. Silver Medal on Sale August 17

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WASHINGTON – The United States Mint (Mint) will accept orders for 2.5 oz. silver medals honoring the U.S. Coast Guard starting on August 17 at noon EDT. This is the second release in the Mint's United States Armed Forces Silver Medal Program. Production is limited to 10,000 medals, with orders limited to one per household for the first 24 hours.

The U.S. Coast Guard medal weighs 2.5 ounces, is two inches in diameter, and is struck in 99.9 percent fine silver. Each medal is encapsulated and comes with the Mint's Certificate of Authenticity. The medal's obverse (heads) design was created by United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) Designer Richard Masters and sculpted by retired United States Mint Medallic Artist Michael Gaudioso. The design depicts a Coast Guard national security cutter at full throttle, speeding head-on toward the viewer. The inscriptions "U.S. COAST GUARD" and the Coast Guard motto "SEMPER PARATUS" (always ready) are arced around the upper border. The hull number identifies the cutter Hamilton, named for Alexander Hamilton.

The reverse (tails) design was created by AIP Designer Thomas Hipschen and sculpted by Mint Metallic Artist Renata Gordon. The design depicts two iconic symbols of the Coast Guard: a life preserver ring and the racing stripe mark, which is found on almost all Coast Guard craft. The racing stripes are depicted with a heraldic hatching tradition to indicate color, with horizontal lines indicating the color blue and vertical lines indicating red. The Coast Guard emblem, which is part of the racing stripe mark, is also in the center. Inscribed on the life preserver ring are the Coast Guard's core values "HONOR," "RESPECT," and "DEVOTION TO DUTY."

The Coast Guard Silver Medal is priced at $160. To set up a REMIND ME alert for this product, visit https://catalog.usmint.gov/us-coast-guard-2.5-ounce-silver-medal-S20MB.html (product code S20MB).

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To reduce the risk of employee exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace, the Mint's sales centers are closed until further notice. Please use the United States Mint catalog site at https://catalog.usmint.gov/ as your primary source of the most current information on product and service status.

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